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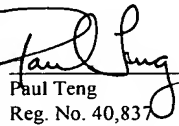
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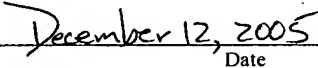
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For: BELT CONVEYANCE APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 2, 2005 NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES**

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in response to the Notification Of Insufficient Fees issued December 2, 2005 by the U.S. Patent Office in connection with the above-identified continuation application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A copy of the December 2, 2005 Notification Of Insufficient Fees is attached hereto as

Exhibit A.